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ABSTRACT

This book contains 17 papers, chosen from those presented within the last 2 years at the annual National Conference on Creating the Quality School, hosted by the Center for the Study of Small/Rural Schools at the University of Oklahoma. The papers are grouped into three sections: leadership for school improvement; classroom practices for school improvement; and innovation and continuous improvement: technology and total quality education (TQE) in school improvement. The papers include the following: (1) "Leadership Styles for Total Quality Schools" (Connie Ruhl-Smith, Bonnie M. Beyer); (2) "Perspectives on the Principal's Resolve as a Factor in Creating the Quality School" (Martin Jason); (3) "Trust: The Quality Required for Successful Management" (Martha Blake, Angus J. MacNeil); (4) "The Deliberative Opinion Caucus: Improving Quality in School Decision-Making" (Michael Connelly, Greg Moss); (5) "Conflict Resolution: An Option for Educators?" (Carolyn L. Tyree); (6) "An Intelligent Paradigm for Quality Education in Cross-Cultural Teaching and Learning Environments" (Kamal Dean Parhizgar); (7) "Collaborative Research Systemic Reform in Elementary Science Education Study" (Barbara A. Nye); (8) "Are Nongraded Programs Providing Students with a Quality Education? Some Answers from the School Success Study" (Barbara A. Nye); (9) "A Field Test of a Full Inclusion Project" (Feng S. Din); (10) "Rural School Personnel's Perception and Categorization of Children at Risk: A Multi-Methodological Account" (John Storer, Barbara L. Licklider); (11) "Quality Schools--Resilient Schools" (L. Kay Forsythe, Barbara L. Licklider); (12) "On-Line Learning and Authentic Assessment" (Lee Hodges, Riley Hodges); (13) "National Television News in Seven Districts" (Roy Nasstrom, Anne Gierok); (14) "Modeling Total Quality in the University Classroom" (Carol F. Baker); (15) "Modeling the Quality Classroom in Teacher Education" (R. Timothy Rush, Diane Galloway); (16) "Quality Schools through Quality Leadership" (James Machell, Dean Sorenson); and (17) "The Belle's of St. Mary's: A Rural Alternative School for Teenage Mothers" (Rebecca A. Lee-Grigg). (Contains references and name and subject indexes.) (SV)